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FM AMEMBASSY PORT MORESBY
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C O N F I D E N T I A L PORT MORESBY 0889

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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP, PP, CH
SUBJECT: PNG/PRC RELATIONS

REF: PORT MORESBY 0871

1. REFTTEL REPORTED THAT FOREIGN MINISTER OLEWALE WOULD VISIT PEKING IN EARLY JULY AND THAT PRC AMBASSADOR TO PNG (RESIDENT IN WASHINGTON) WOULD COME TO PNG THIS WEEK TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS.

2. OLEWALE, HOWEVER, THEN DECIDED TO ACCEPT INVITATION TO ATTEND ASEAN FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING IN BANGKOK AS OBSERVER, AND DEPARTED ONE DAY PRIOR TO AMBASSADOR PEI'S ARRIVAL. PEI LEARNED UPON ARRIVAL THAT HE HAD NO ONE WITH WHOM TO DISCUSS OLEWALE'S TRIP (THE FOREIGN SECRETARY IS ON LEAVE AND THE DEPUTY SECRETARY IS IN SUVA).

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3. AMBASSADOR PEI CALLED ON ME AND WE HAD AN INCONSEQUENTIAL CHAT. I MENTIONED THAT UNFORTUNATELY MOST OF THE TOP GPNG LEADERSHIP WAS CURRENTLY OUT OF TOWN, BUT HE DID NOT PURSUE THE MATTER. HE IS ON HIS WAY BACK TO PEKING FOR CONSULTATION.

4. ACCORDING TO THE AUSTRALIANS, OLEWALE'S INVITATION TO

THE ASEAN MEETING WAS DELAYED, AND HE RECEIVED IT ONLY
SHORTLY BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE. APPARENTLY HIS DECISION
TO ACCEPT THE INVITATION WAS IMPULSIVE AND WAS TAKEN
WITHOUT THOUGHT OF THE CHINESE AMBASSADOR. THE
AUSTRALIANS ARE SPECULATING THAT THE PRC WILL CANCEL OR
AT LEAST POSTPONE OLEWALE'S VISIT TO PEKING. IF THE CHINESE
DO NOT DO SO THEY WILL DEMONSTRATE GREAT FORBEARANCE
WITH PNG, THIS EPISODE FOLLOWING PNG'S REFUSAL TO PERMIT
THE OPENING OF A PRC EMBASSY HERE.
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